Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

Meeting called to order 8:30 pm. President Harold Dow - VE3DBI in the Chair. Roll call showed 19 members and guests in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, Frank Start - VE3AJ. These were adopted on motion of Chas. McDonald - VE3GS, seconded by Bert Lambert - VE3BKY.

Bill Roberts - VE3ARN and Bev Biggs - VE3ECA reported that remarks heard on the air indicate that the large number of active hams in the Lakehead District has aroused considerable interest in ham circles. George Lord - VE3BYG spoke in favour of pictures and articles on club activities appearing in the local press. Bill Roberts - VE3ARN moved that a publicity committee be organized with G. Fraser - VE3BED as Chairman and with the Club to render any assistance required. This was seconded by George Lord - VE3BYG.

The two meter project was reviewed by Bill Roberts - VE3ARN, with the present state of equipment reported by Frank Start - VE3AJ.

Bev Biggs - VE3ECA reported re a shipment of nails received from Sydney NS.

As a result of the expansion of the 20 meter phone band by the USA on March 10 there was a discussion re the petition now being drawn up by Canadian amateur organizations. Copies of a petition drawn up by a Western Club and another by Lakeshore Radio Club, Dorval were presented by Chas. McDonald - VE3GS and read by the secretary. Hec Wilson - VE3DMZ then moved that we adopt the second petition as read and forward copies to our local MPs, Mr. H. Badani and Mr. Doug Fisher. This was seconded by Chas. McDonald - VE3GS. Copies are also to be forwarded to Mr. Alec Reid as A.R.R.L. representative and to the Superintendent of Radio Regulations, D.O.T. Ottawa.

President Harold Dow - VE3DBI opened a discussion on a local W.A.L. (Worked All Locals) contest. Bill Roberts - VE3ARN moved that Bev Biggs - VE3ECA be appointed to organize such a contest and submit proposals at the next meeting. This was seconded by Bert Lambert - VE3BKY and carried.

It was proposed by Chas. McDonald - VE3GS that local hams arrange to handle traffic for the Curlers attending the McDonald Brier Curling Championships to be held next week. Hec Wilson - VE3DMZ was appointed to look after co-ordination of this traffic.

It was announced by the President that the March Annual Meeting would be a Dinner Meeting and the Annual Election of Officers would take place. George Lord - VE3BYG was asked to look after arrangements for the dinner.

A technical paper was then presented by George Lord - VE3BYG. This covered the use of a multi-meter as a means of testing condensers followed by a continuation of his talk on filters. This covered fundamentals in the design of low pass filters and their application toward reduction of TVI.

A raffle was held for a 1958 Handbook. Jon Ogden - VE3ECO was the lucky winner.

Meeting closed with coffee and doughnuts.

Members present:

Leo Immonen - VE3EDE, James Roberts - VE3EDC, Jon Ogden - VE3ECO, Ken McDonald - VE3ECK, George Lord - VE3BYG, Chas. McDonald - VE3GS, VE7QL, David Laing - VE3EDN, Hec Wilson - VE3DMZ, Bert Lambert - VE3BKY, Bill Roberts - VE3ARN, Harold Dow - VE3DBI, Frank Start - VE3AJ, Bev Biggs - VE3ECA; and Hugh Elliott.

Also present:

Leo LaFontaine, ...Knight,

Clive Midwinter; and R. Young.